Board of Pharmacy

Initial Statement of Reasons

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulation: Abandonment of Application Files

Sections Affected: Amend 1706.2

Specific Purpose of the Proposed Changes:

The Board of Pharmacy proposes amending Section 1706.2 of the California Code of Regulations to add applicants for veterinary food-animal drug retailers, hypodermic needle and syringes, pharmacist interns and designated representatives to the regulation.

<u>Discussion:</u> In 1997, the board established the provisions of 1706.2 to define when an application for a pharmacy, manufacturer, supplier, clinic, medical device retailer, or warehouse of a medical device retailer, had been abandoned. In 2005, the board updated this regulation to add non-resident pharmacy and sterile injectable compounding pharmacy to the regulation and delete the terms manufacturer, supplier, medical device retailer, and warehouse of a medical device retailer. This proposed regulation change will add applications for licenses to operate veterinary food-animal drug retailers, sale or dispense hypodermic needles and syringes, serve as a pharmacist intern or designated representative to the regulation.

Factual Basis/Rationale

Currently there is no provision in pharmacy law that defines when an application for a license to operate a veterinary food-animal drug retailer, sale or dispense hypodermic needles and syringes, serve as a pharmacist intern or designated representative. This proposal will make consistent the conditions under which these applications may be abandoned.

<u>Underlying Data</u>

None.

Business Impact

This regulation will not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses. This initial determination is based on the absence of testimony indicating adverse economic impact regarding these rulemaking proposals at the informational hearings held by the board.

Specific Technologies or Equipment

This regulation does not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

Consideration of Alternatives

No reasonable alternative to the regulation would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.